FEASIBILITY REPORT TOPEKA, KANSAS, LOCAL PROTCTION PROJECT

APPENDIX B PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND COORDINATION

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Public workshops were last held in the Topeka area in 1996 in conjunction with the Reconnaissance Study.

Regular meetings have been held throughout the Feasibility Study with the local sponsors to provide updates on the status and findings of the study. The Corps has also been a planning partner with local interests in identification of potential alternatives for redevelopment of the Topeka riverfront. As part of this process, Corps personnel have participated in meetings with local businesses, the Topeka Chamber of Commerce, and various other local and state agencies. Discussions and updates regarding the levee feasibility study have occurred regularly at these meetings.

A public meeting will be held in Topeka in the summer of 2008 to present the recommendations of this Draft Feasibility Report and obtain public comment. Notice of the meeting will be distributed to local, state, and Federal government agencies, affected property owners, and other potentially interested parties and published in local newspapers and media outlets. Written public comments will be collected at that meeting and throughout the 30-day public review period. Comments received, with responses by the Corps of Engineers, will be included in the Final Report as part of this appendix.